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LETTER DATED 28 MAY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 12 February 1997 (S/1997/122) from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, I have the honour to convey the following observations regarding the Iranian islands in the Persian Gulf:

1. Such communications, in which the proper and correct name of the "Persian Gulf" has not been used, are unnecessary and provocative. They will not help in removing misunderstandings in a region where all littoral States should be concerned with peace, security and tranquillity.

2. My Government categorically rejects all allegations referred to in the above-mentioned letter and considers it as an interference in the internal affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran and a violation of its territorial integrity.

3. The Islamic Republic of Iran, once again, emphasizes the need to resolve the existing misunderstandings in bilateral negotiations.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
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